

# Friday Night Fax

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Indiana Impacted by AmeriCorps Funding Cuts, Continue to Service Indiana Communities  
In June, the ICCSV received notice from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) that Indiana would receive less AmeriCorps Members for the 2003/2004 program than was expected. Due to languishing problems with the National Service Trust and other financial problems, Indiana will see an almost 67% reduction rate over last year's numbers. Indiana will be able to fund 93 Full-Time Equivalent (FTEs) positions through formula funds. The Corporation will fund two (2) Indiana programs bringing Indiana's total number of FTEs to 157. The ICCSV is working with programs across the state to maximize national service opportunities.

## Volunteer at the State Fair

Indiana 2016 still needs volunteers for our booth at the State Fair. It is going to be an exciting week of "Stepping Into the Future" with exhibits such as robots, a Moon Buggy, science experiments, Rube Goldberg machines, and much, much more! Volunteers will receive free admission to the fair on the day(s) that they serve. The fair runs from August 6-17 and there are still slots available. Shifts are 3-4 hours long and 2 people are needed per shift, so find a friend and e-mail [iccsv@state.in.us](mailto:iccsv@state.in.us) to sign up today!

## New CNCS State Office Director for Indiana

The Corporation for National and Community Service has selected Louis Lopez to fill the position as Indiana State Director. Mr. Lopez will begin his service on August 11th - he is currently Senior Lecturer for the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IUPUI. Mr. Lopez's past experiences include serving as Director of the Public Policy and Community Response for the United Way of Central Indiana, administering the regional office for the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana, managing constituent relations for Senator Richard Lugar and oversight responsibility for the Governor's Discretionary Grants for innovation in human services, economic and workforce development. Mr. Lopez brings a wealth of experience from the public sector and is actively involved in the community through numerous affiliations. He joins a very capable and dedicated staff at the CNCS Indiana State Office - we welcome him and look forward to his leadership!

## Unified State Plan Update

If you live in Boone, Brown, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, and Shelby counties and was invited by your local United Way to participate in the **Region I Summit on Service and Volunteerism on Tuesday, August 19, 2003** it is not too late to register! Please contact Mr. Carey Craig at the telephone number or e-mail address below. The event will occur on the campus of **Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis** from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Recently, Governor O'Bannon sent an invitation letter to United Way agencies in these counties asking them to invite up to 17 community leaders. The **mission** of the regional summits is to increase Indiana's capacity to address local issues by expanding opportunities for community service and civic engagement. The Commission will host seven additional summits in Evansville, Fort Wayne, New Albany, Richmond, South Bend, Terre Haute, and West Lafayette in late winter/early spring. If your organization is interested in convening a local host committee or would like further information, please contact Mr. Carey Craig at (317) 233-0901, or by e-mail at [ccraig@dwd.state.in.us](mailto:ccraig@dwd.state.in.us).

## RSVP at University of Indianapolis

The University of Indianapolis and the Center for Aging and Community received an RSVP grant in April and are currently looking for volunteers. If you or someone you know is 55 years old or older and interested in participating, please contact RSVP Director Kyle Coresi at (317)-788-6118 or his student assistant Stephanie Arnold at 317-788-6119.

## Youth Philanthropy Jam

The Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana (YPII) is hosting the first ever Youth Philanthropy Jam. It will be held on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at "The Barn" across from the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Register with and direct questions to Lydi Davidson at Community Partnerships with Youth, at (317) 736-7947 or via email at [Lydid@cpyinc.org](mailto:Lydid@cpyinc.org) or with Jerry Finn at (812) 923-2065 or via email at [JerryKFinn@aol.com](mailto:JerryKFinn@aol.com) More about YPII at [www.ypin.org](http://www.ypin.org). There are only 100 spaces available for this event.

### Indiana Citizen Corps Council establishes Advisory Council

The Indiana Citizen Corps Council is in the process of selecting persons from the community to serve on an Advisory Council. As we aggressively promote diversity, our goal is to find persons in all sorts of leadership roles and expertise to serve and represent members of their population and to help promote the national mission of Citizen Corps. We are looking for Business Owners, Entrepreneurs, Community Service Volunteers, Faith Based Organizations, Industries, Schools, First Responder Communities, Media Personnel, Elderly, Minority Groups, and many, many more. If you or someone you know is interested in serving, please contact Ashley Cochran via e-mail at [acochran@dwd.state.in.us](mailto:acochran@dwd.state.in.us) or call (317) 233-0902.

### Statewide Conference on Service and Volunteerism

The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism (ICCSV) will host a statewide conference on service and volunteerism on October 22, 23, and 24, 2003 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. The event will bring together national service participants, community developers, and youth service participants. The conference is centered around three primary issue areas: Education, Citizenship, and Community Development/Empowerment. In addition to informative and interactive workshops, participants will have an opportunity to hear well-known personalities speak about the importance of civic engagement. During the conference, the ICCSV will host the *Governor's Awards for Excellence in Community Service and Volunteerism* luncheon. Registration and exhibitor information is now available on our website at [www.IN.gov/iccsv/conference](http://www.IN.gov/iccsv/conference).

### Call for Presenters for October Statewide Conference on Service and Volunteerism

Do you or your organization have something to present in the field of service and volunteerism? Do you want to be able to share your best practices with those organizations involved in serving others? The ICCSV is currently seeking innovative and strong proposals, which will inspire conference participants to improve the communities in which they live through service and volunteerism. To complete a Call for Presenters Application, please visit our website at [www.IN.gov/iccsv/conference](http://www.IN.gov/iccsv/conference). **The deadline to submit a proposal has been extended to August 15, 2003.**

### Tip of the Month –

Is your organization faith-based or a small community-based organization? The federal government has made it easier for your organization to access federal grants. The White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the Centers for the Faith-Based and Community Initiative -- located in seven Federal agencies -- are working to support the essential work of these important organizations. Their goal is to make sure that grassroots leaders can compete on an equal footing for federal dollars, receive greater private support, and face fewer bureaucratic barriers. To access the grants catalog, visit the Web site at: [www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/grants-catalog-index.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/grants-catalog-index.html).

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### Important Deadlines and Upcoming Events

USP Regional Summit	August 19, 2003
Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism	October 22-24, 2003

**Available Now!** *National Service in Indiana: Streams of Service Working Together* videos and DVDs are being sold for \$10.00 each (\$12.50 each if the item is to be shipped). To order one or more for your collection, please contact Ryan Brady at (317) 269-6065 or [rbrady@indymca.org](mailto:rbrady@indymca.org). You may also contact Kimberly Miller at (317) 274-6500 or via email at [kimamill@iupui.edu](mailto:kimamill@iupui.edu).

**Available Now!** *Indiana Volunteers License Plates* (for front of vehicle) are available for purchase. For more information, please contact Brandy Wood at the ICCSV at [bwood@dwd.state.in.us](mailto:bwood@dwd.state.in.us).

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